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HOUSE RESOLUTION 148  
By Tidwell

A RESOLUTION To honor and Commend Pat Estes for winning  
the 2001 Tree Farm of the Year award.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Pat Estes, who ended her search for retirement property in 1987 with the purchase of 680 acres of forestland in Benton County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, While enjoying her retirement and her property, Ms. Estes became concerned about the forest's health; she then developed an interest in maintaining and managing the forest; and

WHEREAS, After observing her neighbor, Westvaco, and its forestry practices, Pat Estes contacted her local Benton County Division of Forestry for assistance with her property; they provided her with a written Forestry Management Plan, and recommended that she contact Westvaco for further assistance; and

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WHEREAS, After contacting Westvaco, Ms. Estes became involved with the Cooperative Forest Management Program; since then, she has had a successful Stewardship Plan written for her property, with the objectives of improving the forest resource for better productivity, a more diversified wildlife habitat, continued recreation amenities, including hiking trails and wildlife and wildflower observation areas, and the maintenance of good water quality in Poplar Creek; and

WHEREAS, Now a Certified Tree Farmer, Pat Estes is an outstanding example of a dedicated landowner striving to protect and improve forest and wildlife resources; her family has benefited and will continue to benefit for many generations to come from her exemplary resource management activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Estes epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Pat Estes for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its natural resources; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Pat Estes for winning the 2001 Tree Farm of the Year award, and applaud her excellent decision-making and her forest and wildlife management techniques.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we thank her for her efforts to maintain and improve her forest property and the forests of Tennessee, and wish her every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.